

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council



2005 Proposed (P) and Final (F) Federal Recreational Management Measures

NOTE: This table is a summary of proposed and final federal regulations and should be used only as a guide. Final federal regulations are or will be published in the Federal Register and when this occurs, those regulations will be the ones applicable for 2005. Fishermen should also contact state agencies to obtain a complete copy of current state regulations.

| none | none | none | 15,000 mt | January 1-December 31 | (F) Atlantic Mackerel |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 15 fish | none | 297,750 pounds | 20.35 million pounds | January 1-December 31 | (P) Bluefish |
| 25 fish | 12" total length | 109,500 pounds | 4.18 million pounds | January 1-December 31 | (P) Black Sea Bass |
| state specific | state specific | | | state specific | |
| 50 fish | 10" total length | 303,675 pounds | 4.03 million pounds | Jan. 1-Feb. 28 and Sep. 7-Nov. 30 | (P) Scup |
| state specific | state specific | 353,917 pounds | 12.12 million pounds | state specific | (P) Summer Flounder (Fluke) |
| LIMIT | LIMIT | SET-ASIDE | LIMIT* | SEASON | SPECIES |
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Harvest limits not adjusted for



BLUEFISH





LOLIGO SQUID



TILEFISH





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SURFCLAM



BLACK SEA BASS

SPINY DOGFISH



ILLEX SQUID



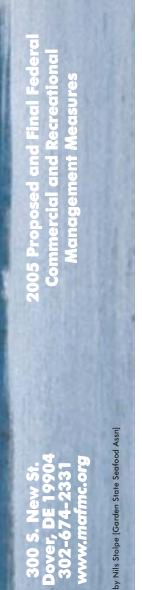
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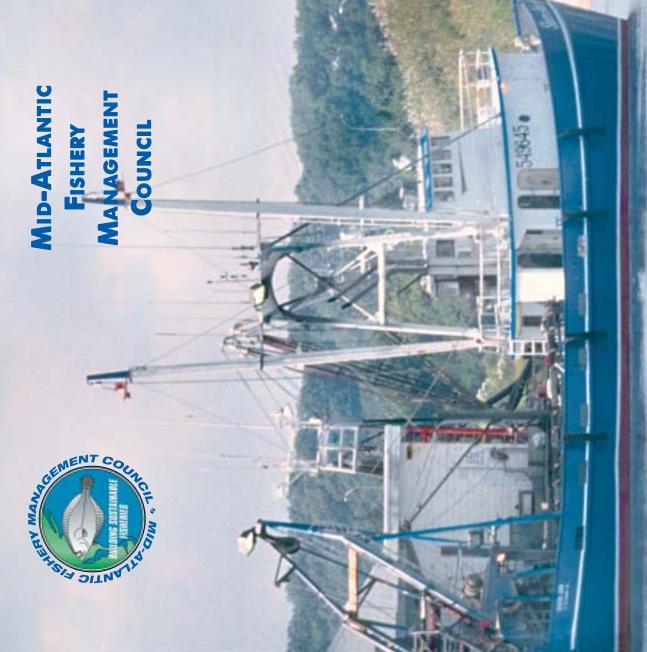


BUTTERFISH

OCEAN QUAHOG







NOAA Right Whale North 978-585-8473

OAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center 08-495-2000

NOAA Federal Fishing Violations Hotline 800-853-1964

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



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2005 Proposed (P) and Final (F) Federal Commercial Management Measures

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| | FISHING | INITIAL | SIZE | | RESEARCH | |
| SPECIES | YEAR | QUOTA* | LIMIT | GEAR | SET-ASIDE | REMARKS |
| (F) Summer Flounder | January 1-December 31 | 18.18 million pounds | 14" | 5.5" minimum diamond mesh 6" minimum square mesh | 353,917 pounds | State-by-state quotas |
| (F) Scup | January 1-December 31 | 12.47 million pounds | 9″ | 5.0" minimum diamond mesh Gear Restricted Areas: Northern GRA closed from Nov. 1-Dec. 31. Southern GRA closed from Jan. 1-March 15 | 303,675 pounds | TRIMESTER QUOTAS & TRIP LIMITS: Winter I: January-April - 30,000 pounds per trip reduced to 1,000 pounds when 80% of the quota is projected to be taken; Winter II: 1,500 pounds per trip. |
| (F) Black Sea Bass | January 1-December 31 | 4.02 million pounds | 11" | 4.5"minimum diamond mesh Pots/Traps: circular vents: 2-3/8" square vents: 2" rectangular vents: 1-3/8"x5-3/4" | 109,500 pounds | State-by-state quotas |
| (F) Bluefish | January 1-December 31 | 10.5 million pounds | none | none | 297,750 pounds | State-by-state quotas |
| (F) Spiny Dogfish | May 1-April 30 | 4.0 million pounds | hone | none | none | QUOTA PERIODS & POSSESSION LIMITS: Quota Period I: May-Oct. 2005 - 2,316,000 million pound quota, 600 lb. possession limit. Quota Period II: Nov. 2005-Apr. 2006 - 1,684,000 million pound quota, 300 lb. possession limit. |
| (F) Long-finned Squid | January 1-December 31 | Max OY - 26,000 mt (metric tons) | none | 1.875" minimum diamond mesh | 255.1 mt | QUARTERLY QUOTAS: |
| (Loligo) | | ABC - 17,000 mt IOY, DAH, DAP - 16,744.9 mt (16,744.9 mt allocated to quarterly quotas) | E | HILLIE GIIGTAINAR | 70 | Quarter I: JanMar 5,564.3 mt (33.23%); Quarter II: AprJun 2,948.8 mt (17.61%); Quarter III: JulSep 2,896.9 mt (17.3%); Quarter IV: OctDec 5,334.9 mt (31.86%) When 80% of the directed fishery in Quarters I-III is taken, vessels are restricted to a 2,500 pound trip limit for the remainder of the quarter. When 95% of the annual quota is taken, the directed fishery will be closed and a 2,500 pound trip limit will be in effect for the remainder of the fishing year. |
| (F) Short-finned Squid (Illex) | January 1-December 31 | Max OY, ABC, IOY, DAH, DAP - 24,000 mt | none | none | none | The directed fishery for <i>Ill</i> ex will remain open until 95% of ABC is taken (22,800 mt). When this landing level is reached, the directed fishery will be closed and a 10,000 pound trip limit will be imposed for the remainder of the fishing year. Non-moratorium vessels may retain up to 10,000 pounds per trip when the directed fishery is open. |
| (F) Atlantic Mackerel | January 1-December 31 | ABC - 335,000 mt IOY - 115,000 mt DAH - 115,000 mt DAP - 100,000 mt JVP - 0 TALFF - 0 | none | none | none | IOY may be increased during the year, but the total ABC will not exceed 335,000 mt. |
| (F) Butterfish | January 1-December 31 | Max OY - 12,175 mt ABC - 4,545 mt IOY, DAH, DAP - 1,681 mt | none | 3" minimum diamond mesh if in possession of 5,000 lbs or more of butterfish | none | |
| (F) Surfclams | January 1-December 31 | 3.40 million bushels | suspended | none | none | Individual Transferrable Quotas (ITQ) |
| (F) Ocean Quahog | January 1-December 31 | 5.333 million bushels | none | none | none | Individual Transferrable Quotas (ITQ); Maine Ocean Quahog Quota - 100,000 Maine bushels |
| (F) Tilefish | November 1-October 31 | 1.995 million pounds | none | none | none | 5% of the total quota is allocated to incidental take and the remaining 95% of the adjusted quota is allocated as follows: Full-Time Tier 1 Permit-66%; Full-Time Tier 2 Permit-15%; Part-Time Permit-19% |
| * Quotas not adjusted fo | or prior year overages and/or : | research set-aside | | • | | |